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Subject: Public Input to the Scoping of the EIR/EIS for the South Delta Improvements Program

Paul

This email confirms our conversation today. I contacted you on behalf of the Federation of Fly Fishers and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. These organizations have great interest in the potential impacts the proposed South Delta Improvements and proposed increased export pumping will have on Delta fisheries, Delta water quality, and Delta aquatic resources in general.

You indicated there is no stakeholder group involved with the SDIP "as a whole". You indicated the 8500 stakeholder group was participating in about 50% of the aspects of the SDIP.

I indicated it will be advantageous to form a stakeholder group for the entire SDIP. I indicated that the participation of a stakeholder group during the EIR/EIS scoping and data collection phases will be consistent with the policies of CalFed and participating agencies. I indicated that meaningful input to the study process can better be facilitated by a stakeholder group (with more intimate knowledge of the project elements and issues) as opposed to the simplistic public meeting process you have proposed.

You expressed reservation regarding the legality of a stakeholder group during the EIR/EIS scoping and studies. There are many examples in CalFed where stakeholder groups participate up to the point that an EIR/EIS is issued for public comment. The 8500 stakeholder group is just one example that happens to be intimately tied to the SDIP.

You indicated you would discuss the formation of a stakeholder group with your supervisors.

I will be contacting you next week to determine if DWR, BOR, and CalFed are receptive to a stakeholder group for SDIP.

Regards

Doug Lovell